

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments to the specification and claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 43 to 63, all other claims having been cancelled.

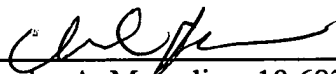
The Examiner has required a ten-way restriction requirement on the basis that the method of use and the product are patentably distinct and that the claims are directed to more than one invention requiring different searches. The Examiner further went on to require an election of a distinct species of the invention as set forth in Formula (a) to (d) of claim 43, the carbohydrate moiety of claims 44 to 46 and the carbohydrate origin of claim 49 and the viral infection as recited in claim 54. The Examiner was of the opinion that the subgroups and A differ in structure in possible results and effects and the Examiner deemed that an election of species was proper.

Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection since it is deemed that there is but a single invention present in the application and that the carbohydrate peptide conjugates of claim 43 would require the same search as well as the compositions and the method of using the carbohydrate peptide conjugates and therefore, there is but a single invention present in the application and it is believed that all should be examined together.

However, in order to be fully responsive to the office action, Applicants elect with traverse invention VI as set forth in the restriction requirement, namely, claims 58 and 60 drawn to a method for enhancing immune response of a human body to B and/or T-cell responses. With respect to the election of species, Applicants elect formula (a), galactosyl of claim 44, bacterial origin of claim 49, Neisseria meningitidis of claim 50 and HIV infection of claim 54 with traverse and request that all of the claims be examined together.

Since the first office action was merely a restriction requirement, Applicants request a prompt examination on the merits.

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